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Amendments to the Drawings

None

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the rejection of the claims and allowance of the application as amended are respectfully requested. The Examiner's arguments in his most recent action have been reviewed and the claims amended in accordance with those arguments.

Claims 1-4 and 6-8 have been canceled and claims 5 and 9 rewritten in independent form including the limitations of their original and any intervening claims. Claim 9 has been rewritten to include the limitation of claim 8 that the value for bilirubin be multiplied by 100, which was inadvertently left out in claim 9 as originally presented. Claim 5 correctly included that limitation from its intervening claim 4.

Applicant notes that the term "severe coronary artery disease," as used in the remaining claims, is defined in the specification as "maximum coronary stenosis at angiography...[of]...50-100%." (para. [0033]).

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that claims 5 and 9 has now been shown to define applicants' invention and distinguish it over the art of record. Applicants respectfully request, therefore, that the Examiner allow the application as

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amended or enter the amendments as placing the application in better condition for appeal.

Respectfully submitted,



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